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JUSTICE ANGLIN AND THE POWER CONTRACTS.

In refusing to compel the mayor of Galt to sign the Niagara power contract, Mr. Justice Anglin adopts arguments which had been advanced in this city and elsewhere, and ridiculed by Mr. Beck and his mouthpieces. Justice Anglin holds in effect that the mayor of Galt was justified in refusing to sign the contract because it differed in substance from the by-law ratified by the ratepayers of Galt in January, 1907. The execution of the contract, he declared, would be a breach of faith with the electorate, and would be ultra vires of the council.

The ratepayers of the town voted upon a bylaw in January, 1907, fixing the maximum price of power, delivered to the municipality, at \$22 per horsepower, whereas the contract contains no guarantee of the cost. Justice Anglin points out that the mayor of Galt showed that his objection was not factious or perverse by offering to sign the contract if it were amended by inserting a guarantee that the maximum cost of power should be \$22 per horsepower, as understood by the ratepayers when they adopted the bylaw of 1907.

Mr. Beck maintains that three or four of the municipalities, including London and Galt, failed to follow precisely the instructions of the power commission, and neglected to specify in the bylaw of 1907 that the figures were merely estimates. "The commission knew nothing of this circumstance until last week," said Mr. Beck, "when a statement of claim was delivered in an action brought by the city of London." This is an extraordinary assertion, as the statement of claim in the London case was published in full in June last. It is a serious reflection upon the members of the hydro-electric commission if they failed to realize until a week ago the discrepancy between the bylaw and the contract, when the evidence has been before them for months. Mr. Beck virtually admits now that the ratepayers of London had no opportunity to pronounce upon the contract in the form in which it has been ratified by the city council, acting upon the assurance of the commission that it was perfectly valid.

It remains to be seen whether the Government will take an appeal from Justice Anglin's decision. The irregularities may be condoned at the next session of the Legislature, and the contracts legalized by act of parliament, though it is not likely the Premier would consent to this stretch of authority. Another alternative may be the re-submission of proper by-laws to the ratepayers. If they are prepared to endorse the contract on the understanding that the cost of power is not guaranteed, the scheme should not be hung up any longer than is needed to secure their sanction. The friends of the power project should be thankful that the contract has been attacked at this early stage so that all doubts may be cleared up before there has been a large expenditure of money.

THE IMMIGRANT AND THE LAND.

The extent of which immigrants of various nationalities who have settled in Canada show an aptitude for the different branches of agriculture is interestingly shown in a bulletin recently issued by the census bureau at Ottawa.

Between the years 1891 and 1906, 50,324 families, or 205,774 persons, took up land in this country. The United States leads with 16,304 families, Great Britain coming next with 10,908, Great Russia-Hungary being a good third with 10,650, Russia fourth, and Scandinavian countries fifth.

Dealing with the use of the various nationalities are making of their land and basing his conclusions on the live stock raised, and the acreage cultivated, the chief census officer states that the highest averages are shown by immigrants from the United States, and that the lowest averages given are for Austria-Hungary, Norway and Sweden, and Iceland. It is further found that immigrants from Ireland and Scotland show higher averages than those from England; while those from Belgium show somewhat higher averages than any one country of the United Kingdom.

Of the sixteen thousand odd settlers from the United States, fourteen thousand came in during the last five years, but their comfortable circumstances, proverbial enterprise, push, and adaptability, enabled them to reach second place in every point except intensity of culture, and that too,

In spite of the brief period allowed them in which to gather farm stock together.

The Belgians hold first place for horses, with 5.51 per farm, settlers from the United States following closely with 5.15. Those from Iceland third, with 5.15. Strange though it may seem, the Icelanders lead in cattle, with 19.10 per farm, as against the United States settlers' 18.64. In swine, German immigrants hold first place with 4.12 per farm, and the United States average is 3.65.

The Belgians lead in the proportion of holdings under crop, while the United States settlers have the largest holdings, besides being above the average of intensity of culture. In this latter respect the Welsh settlers are second to the Belgians, the Scotch are ahead of the United States, while the English settlers are a little below the average. The Scotch hold first place in cattle raising.

Settlers from France and Denmark both make a good showing, as regards the proportion of area under crop to total holdings. Those from France also showing well in the number of cattle and horses raised.

A fact on which some stress is laid is that the Austria-Hungarians and Russians, who rank third and fourth, respectively, in number, among Canada's new citizens, both show low averages in number of live stock, and intensity of culture. They also appear slowest to adapt themselves to Canadian methods.

THE CABINET CHANGES.

Hon. R. W. Scott, at the great age of 83, lays down the cares of office with the unbounded respect of Canadians of all parties. The veteran is one of the few links with the pre-confederation times, having entered the Legislature of the united provinces in 1857. He was speaker of the first Ontario Legislature in 1871, and commissioner of crown lands under Blake and Mowat until 1874, when he entered the MacKenzie administration as secretary of state. He was called to the senate in the same year. In 1896 he was reappointed secretary of state, and since 1902 has combined with it the Liberal leadership in the Senate. No public man has been more devoted to his duties, and his energy of mind and body has been the marvel of his associates. Even in his eighties he has not lagged superfluous. He has been faithful to his long trust, and in every post has acquitted himself with credit and honor. His record has never been tarnished by the breath of scandal. He may now repose upon his well-earned laurels.

Mr. Scott's successor, Mr. Charles Murphy, is not well known in this part of Ontario, but in the Ottawa district his reputation is high as a public speaker and as a lawyer. He should consider it his duty to form the acquaintance of the people of Western Ontario when opportunity offers.

The new Secretary of State, Mr. Charles Murphy, is said to be of Irish descent.

The rain has been absent for so long that it is welcome to stay away until the fair is over.

There was coercion under Laurier—Toronto News.

The people of Saskatchewan and Alberta seem to like it.

James M. Barrie has written another play entitled, "What Every Woman Knows." If he wants to make the hit of his life, he should write one about things that women don't know and are trying to find out.

In his speech at Halifax last night, advance copies of which were sent to the Conservative press, Mr. Borden made not a single reference to the tariff. The tariff plank of the Halifax platform is merely a jumble of words. Here it is: "A fiscal policy which will promote the production within Canada of all useful articles and commodities that can be advantageously produced or manufactured from or by means of our natural resources, having due regard to the interests of the consumer, as well as to the just claims of our wage-earning population." That may mean anything or nothing.

AMERICAN PREACHERS IN LONDON PULPITS.

[Manchester Guardian.] A striking illustration was seen yesterday of the increasing practice of American preachers coming in summer and autumn to fill the leading Nonconformist pulpits in London while the English pastors are on holiday. At the City Temple, Mr. Campbell place was taken by Dr. Frank Gussaulus, of Chicago; at Whitefield's Tabernacle Mr. Silvester Horne's was taken by Dr. S. Parkes Cadman, of Brooklyn; and at the Westminster Chapel Mr. Campbell Morgan was taken by Dr. Broughton, of Atlanta. Other American preachers in London pulpits were Mr. Emory Hunt, of Denison University, Ohio, at the Baptist Chapel, St. John's Wood, and Mr. H. Mudie, of Portland, Maine, at the Stoke Newington Baptist Chapel.

THE ONLY EXPEDIENT.

[Toronto Star.] A Paris wife wants a divorce because her husband's hair doesn't match her parlor furniture. Divorce is surely an extreme remedy. If she doesn't care to part with the furniture, why doesn't she pull out his hair?

A DASTARDLY POLICY.

[St. Thomas Journal.] Some years ago W. R. Meredith, then Conservative leader in the Ontario Legislature, declared in his hustings that the man who for political purposes would in Canada, raise the cry of race or religion, was "an enemy to his country and his God." Mr. Meredith was then the mem-

ber for London, and was strenuously supported by the Free Press. No one reading the Free Press of today would believe that it ever entertained the lofty sentiments to which Mr. Meredith gave utterance. Day after day in the columns of that paper the most diabolical attempts are made to rouse race hatred in Ontario against Sir Wilfrid Laurier, because he is a French-Canadian.

FOSTER OUGHT TO KNOW.

[Ottawa Free Press.] Speaking at Tilsonburg, Hon. George E. Foster is reported to have declared that "the glorious Dominion was a paradise for middle men grafters." Well, after his experience as manager of the Union Trust Company, he ought to know.

A FAIR REMNANT.

[New York Sun.] Stella—The word is that hips must go. Bella—Dear me, I've already parted from my appendix and given my hand away.

SATAN REPROVING SIN.

[Windsor Record.] Surely Mr. Foster is the last man that the Opposition should put on the road to fulminate about graft. His connection with the Independent Foresters should disqualify him to speak on this subject.

THE ROSE'S MEMORY.

[Sam Kiser.] One of the scientists declares that plants have memories.

I wonder if each rose that lies Between dim, long forgotten pages Has memories of dreamy eyes That mirrored love in its own age? I wonder if each petal pressed Against a bosom wildly heaving Can hear the hopes that are confessed, And listens, joyously believing?

Can you long-treasured rose recall The gay night when I held it tight, And, having shyly let it fall, Pretended that she never missed it? How clearly I hold the scene, Which pleasing fancy spreads before me! Ah, many and severe have been The storms that since have broken o'er me.

I wonder if this faded rose Remembers how we danced together, And whispered—ah, I trow it knows We did not talk about the weather. Perhaps—perhaps, if it were blessed With speech it might be now be able To tell me if 'twas once possessed By Gladys, Joan, or Maude or Mabel.

MAN-FIGHT.

[Springfield Republican.] When an aeroplane flies 51.3 miles in 52 minutes, remaining in the air with ease nearly an hour, and maintaining express train speed, what are the skeptics to say? Doesn't it look more and more as if the world is at the beginning of an age of man flight in which aerial stunts will be done? Let us remember that the art of balancing in the air with these machines is in its infancy, and the crudest stage. May it not be that some human beings in general will learn to use the aeroplane as easily as they now learn to swim?

SANE JURY.

[Baltimore American Star.] There is only one known cure for insanity for murder only, and that is a sane jury.

ABD-EL-ASWAS.

[New York Post.] The treacherous office boy suggests that Abd-el-Azis is now Abd-el-Aswas.

LAURIER WILL WIN.

[Speech by Hon. W. Scott.] Just another word. It was charged that I obeyed Laurier in holding the elections. I have contradicted the charge straightly and emphatically. It is positively untrue. (Cheers.) The dissolution was decided on by myself and my colleagues for excellent reasons, abundant reasons, even, fourfold reasons, in fact, in the redistribution, the railway situation, the postal policy and our telephone programme—it was decided on and the elections were held to suit the people of Saskatchewan without regard to any other interest and without the most remote suggestion from Sir Wilfrid Laurier or anybody else. (Cheers.) But if (cheers) the result is a sign of the result to be expected, when the leader whom we all love and revere, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, next submits himself and his policy to the people. (Cheers.) If anything that I have done or may be done by the favor of Providence be able to do, help us to preserve for Saskatchewan a continuance of Laurier and his policy. I am confident that it will not be coated by the fair young province, whose interests and welfare are worthy of some sacrifice and devotion on the parts of us all. (Cheers, long continued.)

ALLA SAMEE.

[Hamilton Herald.] Keir Hardie, driving a motor car in New York, ran over a boy, just like any reckless plutocrat.

MONETARY.

[Chicago News.] If all men could make money as easily as they can lie, almshouses would soon belong to the has-beens class.

BEBOLD!

[Cleveland Plaindealer.] Behold the fly! So small a thing To dart about on busy wings, How sad to think it can't be neat, And wipe the microbes from its feet.

A WORD FROM JOSH WISE.

[Chicago Journal.] "It never rains but it pours. Th' man who ain't paid for his house is th' one who usually has ter meet a pavin' assessment."

THE FINE POINTS OF DRILL.

[Bolt.] An English drill sergeant, whose severity had made him unpopular with his company, was putting a squad of recruits through the funeral exercises. Opening the ranks, so as to admit the passage of a cortege between the men, the instructor, by way of practical explanation, walked slowly down the lane formed by the two ranks, saying as he did so: "Now I am the corpse. Pay attention!" Having reached the end of the lane, he turned round, regarded the recruits with a scrutinizing eye, and then remarked: "Your ranks is right and your heads is light, but you 'ave'n't got that look of regret you ought to 'ave!"

YOUNG EGYPTIANS ASK BRITISH TO LEAVE

And Also Demand a Parliament From the Khedive.

Geneva, Sept. 15.—At a meeting here yesterday, the Young Egyptians party was organized on the same lines as the Young Turks. A dispatch was sent to Sir Edward Grey, the British secretary for foreign affairs, protesting against the continued occupation of Egypt by British troops, and reminding him of the British Government's official oft-repeated promise to withdraw the troops. The second dispatch was sent to the Khedive Abbas Hilmi, requesting the restoration of a parliamentary regime.

The Fruits of the Earth

SEEM TO BE NATURE'S PROVISION FOR KEEPING MAN HEALTHY AND WARDING OFF DISEASE.

Cereals, vegetables and meat supply the elements needed for man's nourishment. Yet fruit—though it has very little food value—has proved to be absolutely necessary for perfect health.

Careful investigation has shown that all the common fruits act on the Liver, Kidneys, Bowels and Skin. These are the organs that rid the body of dead tissue and waste products, and the fruit juices stir them up to more vigorous action, thus keeping the whole body clean and healthy.

But few people eat enough fruit. Realizing this, after several years of experimenting, a prominent Canadian physician succeeded in combining the juices of apples, oranges, figs and prunes in such a way that the medicinal action is many times multiplied. He has added valuable tonics and made the combination into tablets called "Fruit-a-tives." They are really Nature's cure for Constipation, Indigestion, Biliousness and Stomach Troubles. Mild as Nature itself—but most prompt and effective. Sold by dealers at 50 cents a box, six boxes \$2.50; trial size box, 25 cents. Fruit-a-tives, Limited, Ottawa.



At the Grand.

The attraction at the Grand last night was "The Three Little Maids," an English musical comedy. There was a very small audience present. The show will be at the Grand tonight and Wednesday night.

From a musical standpoint "The Little Maids" is one of the prettiest and daintiest ever came out of England. There is a sweetness and catchiness about the score that is most appealing, and the music grows on one.

There are some very pretty songs, the hit of the piece being "A Red Town Lady." This is a fine song and made a sensation. It is a good one. There are several other very bright songs, also.

There is some good dialogue, which, if well handled, would make the show worth while.

The attraction will be given for two nights more.

At Bennett's.

Vaudeville at its best is the offering at Bennett's this week. There may have been better bills at this popular playhouse, but the writer does not recall, watching, and no time-killers. As a result a good first-night audience was well satisfied with the show last night. The bill contains everything of interest. There is plenty of good singing, some very clever dancing, a lot of good, wholesome comedy—in fact, about all that is necessary to chase the blues' right out of a man's system. It is a good one, and a mistake.

The headliner is Ed Reynard, the ventriloquist. Reynard's act is sumptuously staged—in fact, the scenery is about as pretty as one will see anywhere. Then he introduces his celebrated mechanical figures, and then ventriloquizes. It is rarely that an act of that sort gets by with the average theatregoer, but this one does. He has some clever dialogue, and he gets it off well, and keeps his act on the move all the way. As a result it mightily pleased the audience, who voted it one of the big successes.

Bessie Valdaire and her dainty cyclists made a good impression last night with fancy bicycling. There are seven dainty girls in the act all pretty, and every one of them is a fine rider. They perform hair-raising feats, and on the whole give an act that is all good.

Gavin-Platt have a musical comedy act that is original and pleasing. Gavin is a good singer, and a comedian of more than the ordinary class. Miss Platt is a good singer also, and a handsome and very pleasing, and there is a whole lot of wholesome fun scattered all through it.

Shewbrook and Berry are a pair of dainty entertainers, clever and with good voices. They are all right.

The Carberry brothers introduce something new in dancing. It is extremely clever and looks good all the time.

Miss Veroni Verdi is not the least of the good attractions, either. She is a violinist of good appearance, and splendid control over her instrument. Her playing is an artistic treat.

Phil Rado and Jessie Bertman open the bill with some clever acrobatic work, good dancing and fair singing.

This is a bill worth while. The writer is willing to lose his reputation as a vaudeville critic on this show, and anyone that is not pleased with it is invited to come and have a heart-to-heart talk on the subject.

If Reynard does not please you, if Gavin and Platt, with "Peaches," do not make you laugh; if the Carberry brothers do not show something clever in dancing, and if the bicyclists do not satisfy you, it is time to head for the medical man. Something is wrong. Get to this show, for it is good, much better than last week's which was a good one, also.

Watch Bennett's this week. Charley Grapewin in "The Awakening of Mr. Pipp."

Commencing next Thursday and continuing throughout the balance of the week, the Grand will devote its strength to the votaries of laughter, when the above attraction will be offered. The play is by no means a new one, and it need only be said that it has lost none of its enjoyable features. A number of new songs have been added, and all of the popular old ones retained. Charley Grapewin is, of course, the pivot around whom all the others scintillate. The show girl contingent of this season, if it cannot be classed as "a joy forever," certainly

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See window display and don't forget the hour of sale.

JIMMY VERY TIRED. left for Port Hope at 7:57 a.m., apparently very tired. The chances are against him being able to make Port Hope by 1 p.m.

"PERCE" ROYAL BELGAN

Greatest Living Draft Horse is on Exhibition, on Midway.

J. Crouch & Son, of Lafayette, Indiana, one of the greatest horse importers in the world, have shipped to the London Fair, "Perce," the undefeated champion draft horse of Europe and America. He is a great big beautiful draft horse, and is the king of the Belgians. Mr. Waters, his manager, says he has never been defeated in the show rings of America or Europe. All visitors at the Fair should go to the Midway and see this wonderful horse. He is about 20 hands high, weighs 2,655 pounds, and has weighed 2,855 at the fat stock show at Chicago. He is a handsome dapple grey, and has the finest of tempers. They also have a fine exhibit of Percheron, Belgian and coach horses at the horse stables on the grounds. Mr. Waters, their manager, is here, and will be pleased to show them to all visiting horse lovers. But don't fail to see Perce, the champion draft horse of Europe and America.

THE "LONDON" HIGH SPEED GASOLINE ENGINE

An Exhibit at the Fair Which is of Much Interest.

A distinctive feature among the fine exhibits in the Machinery Hall is the "London" high-speed gasoline engine manufactured by the Scott Machine Company, of this city. A 12-horsepower "London" engine is supplying power and light for many of the other exhibitors, and hundreds have gathered to watch and admire the smoothly-running machine. Small, 2 to 2 1/2 horsepower, self-contained engines, are making a great hit with farmers interested in producing power at a minimum cost. At night the exhibits are illuminated by the new and wonderful electric light, which gives three times the light of the ordinary incandescent bulb at the same cost. The Scott Machine Company have recently been appointed sole agents for the new light and large sales are resulting.

A NOVEL EXHIBIT

IN A DOWN-TOWN WINDOW.

What would you say if you were told that in a certain downtown window there was an exhibit which required over 7,000 parts in order to make it complete. You mightn't believe it, but it is so, as you can prove for yourself if you have time to do the counting. Just take a walk down Dundas street, and stop at the large window of Nordheimers, Limited. In it you will see displayed, in a most novel manner, a complete Piano Action and Parts, embracing in all 7,390 parts. An exhibit of this nature, the writer believes, has never been shown in this city. It certainly should prove intensely interesting and instructive to all musicians, and its arrangement is so unique that every passerby stops to look and say something congratulatory about it.

THE GLADIATOR FLOATED.

London, Sept. 14.—The British cruiser "Gladiator," which was beached April 25 last, after the collision off the Isle of Wight with the lines St. Paul, has been practically righted. Unless some unforeseen accident occurs, it is expected that after her hull has been further repaired it will be possible to tow her to drydock.

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